



November 20, 2018

Item No. 6

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Presenter: Mary Howard, Chief Resident Services Officer

Recommendation

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority ("CHA") authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Central Advisory Council for a one-year term from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$1,340,530.00.

The requested action complies in all material respects with all applicable federal, state and local laws, and Chicago Housing Authority board policies. Staff have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative.

Funding

Resident Services Division Budget

Background

A Funding Agreement between CHA and the CAC is required by HUD Regulations 24 CFR 964.150 (Funding Tenant Participation) for funding provided by a housing authority for a duly-elected resident council. The purpose of the CAC, as the elected jurisdiction-wide resident council for CHA residents, is to act as a vehicle for resident participation and to represent the interests of the residents of CHA family properties and senior buildings. The role of a resident council is to improve the quality of life and resident satisfaction, and to participate in self-help initiatives to create a positive living environment for families living in public housing (24 CFR 964.100). The Funding Agreement will be used to fund tenant participation activities (officer stipends, operating expenses, etc.) and will also include special programs such as the Section 3 Small Grants Program, which provides small grants for residents in need of business development assistance.

Resident Councils are required by HUD Regulations CRF 964.130 (Election procedures and standards) to hold elections at least once every three years. Elections must be administered by Resident Councils and monitored by the PHA. Resident Councils shall use an independent third-party to oversee elections and recall procedures. The most recent election was conducted in

September 2016. Therefore, additional funding has been included in this Board authorization to be set aside solely to procure an independent third party contractor to conduct Local Advisory Council and Central Advisory Council elections in accordance with HUD regulation.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Howard, Chief Resident Services Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-CHA-

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated November 20, 2018 entitled "Authorization to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Central Advisory Council".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY:

THAT, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Central Advisory Council for a base term from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$1,340,530.00.

Eugene E. Jones
Chief Executive Officer
Chicago Housing Authority